

Gentlemen:

The FCC is poised to review relaxing Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Prohibition and Local Radio Ownership Rules.

Because a diverse and local media is a cornerstone of a free society the FCC's Commissioners are obliged to vote "NO" in the absence of strong and compelling evidence that the proposed deregulation will preserve media diversity and improve local media service.

The FCC, by it's previous actions has already compromised this basic tenet of our democracy. The path you are following is one that serves only the owners of the media outlets.

Sincerely,

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